IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS SYSTEM

ORDER APPROVING USE OF MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS SYSTEM

On the Court's own motion and pursuant to that certain Administrative Order entered by the Mississippi Supreme Court in Cause No. 2011-0001, dated May 26, 2011, the Court hereby approves the use of the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system in the County Court of Desoto County, Mississippi. Administrative Procedures for the Mississippi Electronic Courts, as approved by the Mississippi Supreme Court, are hereby adopted by this Court for use of MEC. Accordingly, in those cases which are designated below for inclusion in MEC, the filing, signing, verification, and service of all pleadings and papers in the County Court of Desoto County shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures for MEC.

As part of the use of MEC, the Court hereby orders and directs that cases be designated for inclusion in MEC in the following manner:

- 1. Beginning on April 4, 2016, attorneys <u>may</u> electronically file pleadings and papers in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in any case initiated on or after **GO LIVE DATE**, or as described in paragraph 3 below ("MEC Cases"). If an attorney chooses to electronically file a pleading or paper in an MEC Case, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers by that attorney in that particular case shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures from that point forward.
- Beginning on May 2, 2016, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers <u>shall</u> be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in all MEC Cases.
- 3. All cases initiated prior to April 4, 2016, will become part of the MEC system and, therefore, subject to the Administrative Procedures when deemed appropriate by the Clerk or as directed by the Court.

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The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with all deliberate speed in the implementation of MEC. As part of the transition to MEC, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to modify the case number format for all cases which become part of MEC to conform to the standard format found in MEC. The Clerk is further authorized to begin exclusive use of MEC as the official system for case docketing in Desoto County Court and is authorized to maintain any and all books and dockets utilizing MEC.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the ______ day of March, 2016.

PLACE 1 - HON. ALLEN B. COUCH, JR.

PLACE 2 - HON. CELESTE EMBREY WILSON

AGREED TO BY:

COUNTY COURT OF ERK